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Warrant for Town Meeting,

To Alvin Leighton, a constable of the Town of Cumberland, in the County of Cumberland.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Cumberland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Tuesday the third day of March next, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

3rd. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen and assessors.

4th. To hear and act upon the report of the overseers of the poor.

5th. To hear and act upon the report of the town treasurer.

6th. To hear and act upon the report of the superintending school committee.

7th. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer of the Cumberland school fund.

8th. To hear and act upon the report of the trustees of Greely Institute.

9th. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

10th. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

11th. To raise money for the support of the poor.

12th. To raise money for the payment of town notes and interest.

13th. To raise money, or labor, or both, for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges.

14th. To raise money for the payment of snow bills.

15th. To raise money for contingent expenses.

16th. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State, in aid of free high schools.

17th. To hear and act on the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

18th. To receive bills against the town.

19th. To see if the town will make repairs on town farm buildings, and raise money for payment of same.

20th. To see what measures the town will take to pay the town debt, or fund it at a lower rate of interest.

21st. To see if the town will allow a discount until a certain time on taxes paid, and after that charge interest.

22d. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs, the money so raised, to be used to pay for sheep killed in town by dogs.

23d. To see if the town will allow the request of B. F. Doughty that he may be set off with his property, from school district No. 2, and annexed to school district No. 3.

24th. To see if the town will buy a piece of land for the purpose of enlarging the burying ground on Chebeague Island.

25th. To see if the town will authorize their selectmen to dispose of the Maine Reports owned by town.

26th. To see if the town will buy land of H. Eaton, to remedy road near Cumberland Fair Grounds.

27th. To see if the town will repair the town office, and raise money for payment of same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Town House at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February, A. D. 1891.

N. M. Shaw,
P. M. Leighton,
C. M. Hamilton } *Selectmen of Cumberland.*

REPORT

OF

Selectmen and Assessors.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1890.

For State tax,	$1,256 19
County tax,	593 92
Schools,	1,295 20
Interest,	1,300 62
Text books,	500 00
Almshouse poor,	500 00
Outside Poor,	100 00
Almshouse repairs,	300 00
Collector's premium,	123 16
Unpaid highway tax,	92 62
Overlay,	75 11
Dog tax, special,	21 50
Supplement,	36 20
Total assessment,	$6,194 52

Total valuation 1890, $645,775.

No polls, 451.

Rate of taxation, 8 mills on a dollar,

Poll tax, $2.00.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Albert F. Drinkwater, town aid,		$ 6 00
C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on J. M. Drinkwater,		15 00
Town of Windham, supplies and medical attendancefor E. B. Fields,		41 24
		$62 24
Appropriation,	$100 00	
Expended,	62 24	
Balance in favor of town,		$37 76

TOWN FARM BILLS.

Paid J. G. McGlauflin, one saddle and breeching,	$ 10 00
Lemuel Rolfe, oxen,	143 00
N. D. Farwell, hay,	12 61
I. A. Skillings, balance salary to Apr. 9, 1890,	42 00
I. A. Skillings, on salary,	50 00
N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies,	30 08
J. L. Dunn, superphosphate,	10 85
" " supplies,	76 47
I. A. Skillings, on salary,	25 00
N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies,	15 97
I. A. Skillings, on salary,	25 00
J. L. Dunn, supplies,	32 01
N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies,	9 84
I. A. Skillings, on salary,	200 00
	$682 83
Appropriation,	500 00
Balance against town,	$182 83

TOWN FARM BUILDING REPAIRS.

Paid E. F. Rowe, material and labor,	$14 05
S. L. Farwell, painting,	12 37
Smith, Tibbetts & Co., hardware,	5 51
F. S. Merrill, painting,	5 00
Rufus Deering & Co., lumber,	70 76
C. P. Russell, labor,	27 56
Rufus LeGrow, labor,	28 68
R. N. Leighton, labor,	13 50
W. H. Scott, conductors,	4 48
N. M. Shaw, lumber, etc.,	3 87
Herbert N. Shaw, labor,	3 75
Josiah Morrill, hauling shingles,	2 38
I. A. Skillings, labor, material, etc.,	31 84
James L. Dunn, material,	29 56
L. H. Wilson, material,	10 35
LeGrow Bros., lumber,	6 95
B. W. Shaw, hauling lumber,	1 25
F. L. Haskell, hauling lumber, etc.,	2 00
Rufus LeGrow, putting up conductors,	60
Trustees Greely Institute, lumber,	3 00
Expended,	$277 46
Amount raised,	300 00
Balance in favor of town,	$22 54

ROAD REPAIR BILLS.

Paid J. A. Blanchard,	labor on road for year 1889,	$ 5 20
Edwin T. Drinkwater,	" " " "	18 37
Nathaniel Thompson,	" " " "	5 57
F. S. Merrill,	" " " "	3 30
Stephen B. Hamilton,	labor and material,	4 65
Henry Leighton,	labor for year 1890,	32 70
O. W. Lufkin,	" " "	31 95
O. A. Mountfort,	" " "	15 22
R. B. Morrison,	" " "	208 50
S. Higgins,	" " 1889,	15 75

Paid R. G. Brackett,	labor for year	1890,		34 75
Wm. M. Merrill,	"	"	"	28 50
E. O. Russell,	"	"	"	12 88
F. N. Doughty,	"	"	"	6 30
Addison C. Sturdivant,		"	"	25 73
Geo. S. Doughty,	"	"	"	42 75
S. L. Field,	"	"	"	7 00
Chas. H. Morrill,	"	"	"	234 60
Josiah Morrill,	"	"	"	14 00
Hollis True,	"	"	1889,	1 70
R. W. Doughty,	"	"	"	3 75
N. B. Wilson & Son,	"	"	1890,	7 91
I. A. Skillings,	"	"	"	40 40
Simeon Jones,	"	"	"	18 12
Geo. S. Doughty,	"	"	"	20 50
R. G. Brackett,	"	"	"	10 00
F. N. Doughty,	"	"	"	3 45
Addison C. Sturdivant,	"	"	"	4 50
N. S. Merrill,	labor for year	1890,		7 14
E. D. Merrill,	"	"	"	1 85
C. H. Morrill,	"	"	"	116 40
S. B. Hamilton,	"	"	"	204 22
F. P. Blanchard,	"	"	"	4 66
I. A. Skillings,	"	"	"	1 75
O. W. Lufkin,	"	"	"	25 05
Henry Leighton,	"	"	"	57 05
R. B. Morrison,	"	"	"	159 85
E. T. Hall,	"	"	"	2 88
O. A. Mountfort,	"	"	"	5 00
O. A. Mountfort,	"	"	"	1 35
S. B. Hamilton,	"	"	"	6 00
Chas. H. Morrill,	"	"	"	6 80
Neils A. Gram,	"	"	"	3 25
Silas Russell,	"	"	1889,	5 10
Amount expended,				$1,466 40
Appropriation,				1,500 00
Balance in favor appropriation,				$ 33 60

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Simeon Jones,	breaking snow,	$1 10
E. D. Merrill,	" "	2 00
Asa Sawyer,	" "	7 73
N. L. Merrill,	" "	3 00
Nath'l Thompson,	" "	14 50
S. B. Hamilton,	" "	12 09
Sylvanus Higgins,	" "	2 10
M. W. Leighton,	" "	6 15
F. W. Blanchard,	" "	3 50
N. B. Wilson & Son,	" "	4 29
Amount expended,		$56 46
Appropriation,		100 00
Balance in favor appropriation,		$43 54

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M. W. Pearson, bridge plank and stringers, '89,	$ 8 27
" " mud sill,	3 00
P. M. Leighton, labor on stone,	30 00
E. Corey & Co., hardware,	2 24
Heirs of Gilman Thurston, land damage,	25 00
Fred L. Haskell, hauling stone, pile driver, etc.,	43 25
Town of Yarmouth, use of derrick,	12 00
B. W. Adams, sleepers,	10 00
W. L. Merrill, piles and labor,	26 80
Simeon Jones, labor,	49 87
Geo. S. Doughty, "	49 87
James A. Hulit, "	7 50
M. W. Pearson, piles,	13 00
R. N. Leighton, labor,	66 50
N. M. Shaw, "	33 25
Addison C. Sturdivant, "	11 25
I. A. Skillings, "	70 75
Teague & Bennett, pile driver and man,	20 25
C. W. Shaw, sharpening drills,	6 97

Paid O. S. Thomes, bridge plank, etc.,	9 10
N. L. Merrill, labor,	2 10
Albert Mountfort, labor,	25 00
Lewis Merrill, lighting road, board, etc.,	7 68
L. H. Wilson, bridge plank, etc.,	9 86
M. W. Leighton, stone, piles, etc.,	14 0
Alvin Leighton, hauling stone,	1 00
N. M. Shaw, stringers,	1 25
N. B. Wilson & Son, powder and fuse,	2 85
J. S. Adams & Son, sharpening drills,	35
T. C. Hawkes, labor,	48 50
J. L. Dunn, powder and hardware,	4 90
	$616 41
Appropriation,	200 00
Balance against appropriation,	$416 41

CONTINGENT BILLS.

Paid Southworth Bros., printing reports,	$17 00
Stevens & Jones, town books and supplies,	7 19
S. S. Knight, recording tax deed,	50
Treasurer Cumberland Co., services County Commissioners,	63 88
John Hamilton, revising vessel list,	1 50
N. M. Shaw correcting mortgage list,	2 50
S. B. Hamilton, for attending funerals 1889,	24 00
N. D. Farwell, services as Supt. burying ground for year 1889,	2 00
Trustees Greely Institute, amount received in aid of free High School,	251 00
Southworth Bros., printing voting lists,	6 20
Geo. Blanchard, auditing accounts for 1889,	1 50
James M. Thompson, recording 4 tax deeds,	2 00
A. R. Littlefield, services as S. S. Committee, '89,	19 15
C. T. Moulton, M. D., services as Health Committee, 1889–90,	35 00

Paid N. M. Shaw, expense to Augusta,		3 80
Benj. Whitney, box rent and stamps,		1 00
S. T. Merrill, non-resident taxes sold and bid in by town,		26 32
S. T. Merrill, bounty on crows,		1 00
S. T. Merrill, pension paid Eaton,		48 00
S. T. Merrill, services as Treasurer,		50 00
Alvin Leighton, resident taxes bid in by town,		53 56
D. L. Blanchard, Supt. burying ground,		10 00
D. L. Blanchard, services as Town Clerk,		29 61
F. S. Blanchard, attending funerals with hearse,		18 00
J. M. Thompson, recording 5 deeds,		2 50
S. T. Merrill, selling and conveying property,		5 00
E. D. Merrill, premium in part,		70 00
M. H. McCollister, services as S. S. Committee,		8 00
N. M. Shaw, services as Selectman, Assessor, etc.,		103 25
P. M. Leighton, " " "		72 90
Alvin Leighton, services as Constable,		18 90
Alvin Leighton, premium in full for '87–88–89,		52 79
E. K. Sweetser, services as S. S. Committee,		39 00
Robert Goodenow, Supt. burying ground,		6 50
C. M. Leighton, serv. as Selectman, Assessor, etc.,		15 00
S. B. Hamilton, attending funerals with hearse,		16 00
John Alex Hamilton, services as Constable,		3 00
Robert Hamilton, services as Island Warden,		2 00
Frank A. Hamilton, services as Warden Clerk,		5 30
		$1,094 85
Appropriation,	$1,000 00	
Received from State,	251 00	
		$1,251 00
Balance in favor of appropriation,		$156 15

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Trustees Greely Institute, one-half year's interest on notes,	$624 00
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Treasurer Cumberland School fund, interest on notes,	52 62
	$1,300 62
Amount raised by town,	1,300 62

ABATEMENTS.

Abated on lists of Alvin Leighton, by vote town,	$20 00
" " E. D. Merrill, by Selectmen,	10 40
" " Alvin Leighton, by Selectmen,	32 18
" " E. D. Merrill, by Selectmen,	19 00
Total abatements,	$81 58

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Paid Warren P. Adams, for books,	$ 10 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., "	8 00
American Book Co., "	190 39
D. C. Heath, "	14 00
Sheldon & Co., "	10 00
Houghton & Mifflin, "	18 62
Ginn & Co., "	112 58
Porter & Coates, "	88 65
Loring, Short & Harmon, "	38 51
A. R. Littlefield, "	9 25
S. M. Rideout, making boxes for books,	7 50
	$507 50
Amount assessed,	500 00
Balance against town,	$ 7 50

DOG TAX.

Balance unexpended,	$17 00
Amount assessed, 1890,	21 50
	$38 50

SUMMARY.

Amt. asses'd, or appropriated from previous assessm'ts.		Amt. expended
For outside poor,	$100 00	$ 62 24
town farm bills,	500 00	682 83
town farm building repairs,	300 00	277 46
road repairs,	1,500 00	1,466 40
snow bills,	100 00	56 40
schools,	2,335 08	1,835 19
roads and bridges,	200 00	616 41
contingent,	1,251 00	1,094 85
notes and interest,	1,300 62	1,300 62
collector's premium,	123 16	
overlay;	75 11	
supplement,	36 20	
dog tax,	21 50	
free text books	500 00	507 50
	$8,342 67	$7,899 96
Rec'd from State for free high school	251 00	abatem't 81 58
sale of oxen,	125 00	
town team labor,	195 63	
supt. town farm for products sold,	41 50	
	$8,955 80	$7,981 54
Balance in favor of town,		$974 26

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	$20,800 00
Notes due Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due school districts,	1,074 40
Town orders unpaid.	150 47
Outstanding bills estimated,	40 00
	$22,941 87

ASSETS.

Balance due from treasurer as per his report,	$5,799 39
on tax deeds,	382 43
Town farm with buildings theron, stock, farming utensils, etc., valued	2,700 00
	$8,881 82
Balance against town,	$14,060 05

The following abatements have beeen made by the selectmen during the year 1890:

Names.	Date of Assessm'ts.	Cause.	Poll Tax.	Personal Est. Tax.	Unpaid Highw'y.	Total.
Samuel B. Clough,	1889-90	Poverty,	$4 00	$ 04		$4 04
Joab Black, Jr.,	1889	Death,	2 00	14		2 14
Fred C. Merrill,	1889	Non-Resident,	2 00			2 00
Will E. Frost,	1889-90	"	4 00			4 00
Charles B. Porter,	1889	"	2 00			2 00
Edward I. Sawyer,	1890	"	2 00			2 00
Alfred Dyer,	1890	"	2 00			2 00
Fred G. Hamilton,	1890	"	2 00			2 00
Joseph F. Drinkwater,	1890	Poverty,	2 00			2 00
N. A. Cole,	1890	Overvaluation,		6 40		6 40
George Darling,	1889-90	Poverty,	4 00		2 00	6 00
Fred Doughty,	1890	Not of Age,	2 00			2 00
John Hamilton,	1890	Poverty,	2 00			2 00
Albert L. Swan,	1889-90	"	4 00			4 00
Simeon Webber,	1889-90	"	4 00			4 00
Warren Cowdrey,	1889	"	2 00		1 00	3 00
Hugh McDonald,	1889	"	2 00		1 00	3 00
Benjamin Poor,	1889	"	2 00			2 00
Charles W. Thomes,	1889	"	2 00		1 00	3 00
C. A. R. Webber,	1889	"	2 00			2 00
Edgar W. Seabury,	1889	Death,	2 00			2 00
Total abatements by Selectmen,						$61 58

N. M. SHAW,
P. M. LEIGHTON,
C. M. HAMILTON.
Selectmen of Cumberland.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor*

Report of Overseers of Poor.

To the citizens of the Town of Cumberland:

Your overseers would submit the following report. We commenced the year with the following persons receiving aid or support from the town. Olive Titcomb, Anna Merrill, and Minnie Darling at the Alms House. On the 8th of April Minnie Darling went to Mr. Jordan Brown's on trial at which place she is at present.

We have paid the town of Windham, $41.24 for assistance to E. B. Field and family during the past year, $20 being for medical attendance, also paid C. T. Moulton, M. D. $15 for attendance on Joseph M. Drinkwater, for the year 1889, also paid Albert F. Drinkwater $6 to enable him to go to Massachusetts. The net cost of poor outside of the Almshouse for the year was $62.24. At present there are at the Almshouse, Olive Titcomb and Anna Merrill.

ALMS HOUSE AND TOWN FARM MATTERS.

At commencement of year Israel A. Skillings and wife had charge of the above for term to end April 9, 1890. At the close of that term we engaged the same parties to take charge of inmates and farm for one year to end April 9, 1891 at a salary of $350. We feel very much pleased with their management, they have taken good care of the poor, and also worked for the good of the town, and wish that their services might be procured for another year.

The net expenses of support of poor at Almshouse $383.81. We took an inventory of all stock, farming tools, household furniture, produce, etc, at the farm Feb. 17, 1891, a sehedule of which may be seen at the office, we estimated the same to be worth $636,63.

The amount of wood at the door is estimated to be 12 cords of dry, and 7 cords of green wood, also 135 brick and one cask of lime left over from repairs.

TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

Dr.

To value of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., as appraised Feb. 17, 1891.	$611 83
Cash in hand of Supt. Feb. 17. 1891,	3 96
Amount paid in town orders as shown in Selectmen's report,	682 83
Cash paid by Supt., as by account rendered for supplies, etc., to Feb. 17, 1891.	230 66
Goods received from exchange of products,	32 86
Material and labor on hen house,	21 54
	$1,583 68

Cr.

By cash received by Supt., as per account rendered from sales of products,	$209 75
Cash received by Supt., labor for individuals with team, as per account rendered,	65 50
Cash paid town Treasurer by Supt. from team labor on roads,	112 90
Products sold, exchanged for supplies,	32 86

By Received from sale of oxen,	125 00
Labor on repairs,	17 23
Value of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., as per inventory made Feb. 17, 1891,	636 63
	$1,199 87
Balance against town farm,	$383 81

N. M. SHAW,
P. M. LEIGHTON.
C. M. HAMILTON.
} *Overseers of Poor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury March, 1890,	$6,678	08
Assessors' commitments 1890.	4,344	41
Rec'd from State for schools, 1889,	909	97
State for schools, 1890,	947	26
Cumberland school fund,	92	62
State in aid of free high school. July, 1889,	125	00
State Treasurer for telegraph and railroad tax 1890,	3	97
State in aid of free high schools July 1890,	125	00
Tax deeds redeemed,	52	74
Lots in new cemetery,	11	00
Town farm for oxen sold,	125	00
Town farm for bricks sold,	2	25
Cash rec'd from Town farm,	35	00
from I. A. Skillings, Supt. of Town farm, labor on road,	40	40
from I. A. Skillings, Supt. hauling stone and derrick,	70	75
from I. A. Skillings, Supt, labor on Town farm buildings,	31	84
from Nelson M. Shaw, for cedar posts,		75

Cash rec'd from Treasurer of State for pension, of Cyrus H. Eaton,	48 00
	$13,644 04
Paid out town orders,	7,844 65
Balance due the town.	5,799 39
Due from Edmund D. Merrill, Collector,	2,330 68
Savings bank aid for high school,	125 00
National Traders bank,	1,638 11
Portland savings bank,	500 00
Maine savings bank,	500 00
Cash to balance.	705 60
	$5,799 39

S. T. MERRILL, *Treasurer of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term of school commenced March 3, 1890, with Fairfield Whitney, A. B. as principal and Mr. Henry J. Merrill and Miss Alma M. Brackett, assistants, and continued ten weeks. Whole number pupils, 65.

The Fall term was postponed one week because the repairs on the building were not finished, commencing Sept. 8. Mr. Whitney, principal, Miss Brackett and Miss Maggie E. Merrill assistants and continued eleven weeks. Whole number of pupils, 71.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 1st. with the same teachers as the Fall term. Number of scholars, 73. So many of the scholars were out with the measles that it was thought advisable to close the school at the end of eight weeks and commence the Spring term earlier. Consequently the Spring term began Feb. 16 with the same teachers as before.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	$12,000
For Town of Cumberland note,	6,000
For Town of Cumberland note,	2,000
	$20,000

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00
Cash from 1889,		33 77
One year's interest on note.		18 00
		$351 77
Paid H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals,	$ 9 85	
E. S. Richie & Sons, apparatus,	12 56	
Cash to balance,	29 36	
		51 77
Town of Cumberland note,		$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		$579 16
Amount of May and Nov, dividends,		26 34
		$605 50
Paid H. P. Sweetser, for books,	$9 00	
American Book Co.,	5 10	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	11 94	
Express and postage,	88	
		$26 92
Amounting remaining in P. S. Bank,		$578 58

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	$500 00
Amount in Maine Savings Bank,	238 90
Amount due on tuition book,	80 50
Cash to balance,	29 56
	$848 96

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER SOURCES.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid Southworth Bros., printing reports,	$ 4 00
W. D. Little & Co., insurance,	102 00
Fairfield Whitney, teaching Spring term,	242 42

Paid Henry J. Merrill, teaching spring term,	112	50
Alma Brackett, " "	100	00
E. N. Farwell, janitor, etc.,	18	25
W. H. Blanchard, repairing plastering,	3	00
E. K. Sweetser, labor,	2	75
Southworth Bros., 300 catalogues,	12	50
Rufus Deering & Co., lumber,	146	95
Smith, Tibbetts & Co., hardware,	4	52
B. W. Shaw, hauling lumber,	8	00
H. H. Hay & Son, paints,	29	00
Zilpha Quirk, cleaning building,	15	63
G. L. Farwell, labor,	19	00
J. N. Farwell, "	23	12
Rufus LeGrow, "	37	50
F. S. Merrill, painting,	18	50
Smith, Tibbetts & Co., locks,	1	18
E. K. Sweetser, hanging paper,	19	00
Richardson Bros., repairs on furnace,	77	50
C. H. Batchelder, room paper,	42	00
J. L. Dunn, 15 tons coal,	96	00
P. M. Leighton, papering,	13	75
L. L. Farwell, painting,	21	87
F. Whitney, teaching Fall term,	266	66
" tuning piano,	3	00
Alma M. Brackett, teaching Fall term,	110	00
Maggie E. Merrill, " "	33	00
E. N. Farwell, janitor, etc.,	17	00
R. B. Morrison, laying sluice,	2	50
Smith, Tibbetts & Co., weather strips,	1	44
C. P. Russell, labor,	39	37
C. H. Batchelder, window shades,	15	00
N. M. Shaw, lumber, etc.,	6	59
Southworth Bros., 300 programmes,	3	00
H. A. Shorey & Son, 200 rank bills,	2	00
Fairfield Whitney, teaching winter term,	218	18
Alma M. Brackett, " "	80	00
Maggie E. Merrill, " "	24	50

Paid J. L. Dunn, supplies,	13 90
M. L. Greely, labor,	75
H. F. Farnham & Co., outside windows,	8 25
E. N. Farwell, janitor,	15 00
C. H. Greely, repairs,	2 75
F. S. Blanchard, express,	1 50
S. W. Hamilton, express,	35
N. M. Shaw, services as trustee,	28 00
P. M. Leighton, services as trustee, and 1 cord of wood,	6 50
Amount in Maine Savings Bank,	238 90
Cash in hand to balance account,	29 56
	$2,338 64
By cash balance from 1889,	$ 64 76
Amount in Portland Savings Bank,	596 42
Cash from town Treasurer in aid of Free High Schools,	251 00
Tuitions, spring term,	41 00
Cash received for paint, paper and glass, sold,	2 98
Cash for lumber sold,	3 00
Interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500 town notes,	615 00
Interest on $12,000, $6,000, $2,000 and $500 town notes,	615 00
Tuitions, fall term,	112 00
Tuitions, winter,	30 00
Two dividends in Maine Savings Bank,	7 48
	$2,338 64

N. M. SHAW,
P. M. LEIGHTON,
C. M. HAMILTON,
Trustees of Greely Institute.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

The year that has just closed has been an eventful one to the schools of Maine.

The law authorizing towns to furnish school books, has changed the condition and outlook of our schools, not a little. It may be too soon to say just what the effect of this new law will be; but, if it is wise to judge future results by present action, we shall surely see better and more thorough development in our schools.

A want which we have long felt, has been a better supply of text books in our common schools. The new law has put it within the powers of the committee, not only to supply this want, but also to direct what each pupil shall study. We wish that every parent and citizen could have watched with the same pleasure and interest that we have, the waking up and expanding of the minds of the children, into whose hands the new books have come. Then every dollar needed to bring about such results, would be not only willingly but joyfully appropriated.

We say with pleasure that never before, have we seen and felt that the pupils in our common schools were building on so good and sure foundation for future development, as in the two last terms. We assure you that we tried with all our

heart, to make the best use of the money which you appropriated for the purchase of school books. We spent days, we may say weeks, in carefully examining books before deciding, considering not only the inside, but also the binding. If we have not got the best, we think we have as good as can be purchased. We selected three series of reading books. On the islands, the New Normal. In districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Harpers. In districts No. 4 and 5, Swintons. We have done this, that we might change from one district to another, and thus give the scholars a change in reading books much oftener than we otherwise could.

It did not cost a cent more than one series would. We have put into all schools on the main, Wentworth's Arithmetic, Eggleston's Primary History, Ruab's English Grammar, Hyde's Language Lessons and Metcalf's Spellers. In some of the schools we have put in a few copies of Wentworth's Algebra, Meservey's Book-keeping and Smith's Physiology. When we stood before you at our last meeting, and told you that we thought five hundred dollars would be amply sufficient to purchase all the books we should need, we did not suppose that we must supply the Institute. On consulting State Superintendent Luce, we were told that as our school received State aid, it would come under this law, and that we must do it.

We have done so and up to the present term have been able to furnish all books needed. There is now wanted for immediate use, about twelve astronomies, the same number each of botanies, geologies, and Lockwood's Language book. During the year a dozen books on political economy will be needed. All the above will cost less than fifty dollars. Within the next four months all the geographies used in all the schools should come into the hands of the town, which will take some thirty dollars for the main, and perhaps as much for the islands. From time to time a very few arithmetics will be wanted. We think two hundred dollars will purchase all the books that will be needed in both the district schools and institute, for the next five years.

If the sum already expended seems large, let us remember that it has been less than one dollar for each scholar.

Provision has been made whereby we may know where every book is, after it has been put into the schools. Before being put into the hands of the pupil, every book has been labeled in the following manner:

PROPERTY OF THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

NO.....

RULES. 1. Teachers shall once in two weeks, at least, inspect, or cause to be inspected, all books in the hands of pupils and note their condition.

2. By permission of the teacher any pupil may take books to his home for purposes of study.

3. All books are to be returned by pupils at the close of each term, unless special written permission to retain has been granted by the committee.

4. Any scholar losing or materially injuring a book must replace it at once; otherwise its value will be collected from his parent or guardian in the manner provided by law.

5. Any writing in, marking upon, or otherwise defacing of a book, will be considered a material injury, for which such book must be replaced or paid for.

Teachers are required to keep a record of the number of every book a pupil has. It is evident that the children are learning a lesson of carefulness that will be of great value to them through life. Many of the parents are deserving thanks for nicely covering the books which their children use.

Another act which has greatly benefited every school in town, both on the island and main, was the suspension of districts No. 7 and 13. That you may understand this, we will say, first, the per cent taken from large districts was less; and after giving those districts where the children from the suspended districts attended school, just what was due them, the remainder was divided equally among the other four districts, taking nothing for No. 3.

With the present arrangement of districts, and the provisions made, every child in town can have more and better school privileges than for many years.

According to census of 1890, the whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21, was 505. The amount of money raised for common schools, was as follows:

By town tax,	$1,295 20
State school fund.	947 26
" " "	92 62
Total	$2,335 08

This was distributed in the following manner:

District No.	1	22	Scholars	$151 76
" "	2	45	"	247 44
" "	3	68	"	282 88
" "	4	43	"	247 44
" "	5	38	"	234 96
" "	7	21	"	58 48
" "	8	102	"	424 32
" "	9	121	"	510 12
" "	13	23	"	65 00
" "	14	6	"	24 96

Although some of our schools were interrupted by diphtheria and measles, the interest and progress has been marked, and will compare favorably with any previous year. No. 1 was taught by Mabel C. Hall, who did faithful work, and had the pleasure of seeing her pupils improve. No. 2 spring term, taught by Luna Dolloff. Her untiring efforts and faithfulness deserves much praise, and had her services been continued, the noble character of her work would have been seen by all. Fall and winter under the instruction of Irving Kemp whose work was as the year previous. No. 3 spring and fall terms taught by Alice Randall, one of the finest scholars who ever came to us for examination, now attending Normal school at Farmington, Me. The winter term of this district is now in session and the pupils are doing finely. No. 4 spring term taught by May Wilson, whose work was marked with the same quiet completeness which we had noticed in her as a scholar. No. 5 has been under the instruction of Cora Leighton. The fact that she was employed for the three terms, is all that need be said. No. 7 had a short term of six weeks. At our third

visit we found only one scholar, and conferring with the municipal officers, other members of the committee, it was thought best to suspend, no fault found with the teacher. Mr. Littlefield has sent us no record of districts 8, 9 and 10, but it is safe to assume that they have been successful. No. 13 also had a spring term, but for same reasons as given above, was suspended.

We have given you as briefly as possibly, some slight account of what has been done for the schools the past year, and is needed for the present.

GREELY INSTITUTE.

This institution has passed another year under the instruction and direction of Mr. Fairfield Whitney, and Miss Alma Brackett. We have many times spoken of their faithful and efficient effort to do the very best for the students under their charge. They will be long remembered with gratitude by parents, citizens and students for their pleasant and faithful work among us.

At the commencement of the fall term Miss Maggie Merrill took her place as assistant teacher. If she is as earnest and thorough as a teacher, as she was a scholar, we bespeak for her the highest success. We hope the services of all will be continued.

The trustees are deserving thanks for the good work done to the inside of the building. The rooms which were formerly almost a disgrace will now compare favorably with those of other high schools

We have often asked, if we were securing the greatest good for the greatest number of our scholars. We again ask if it would not be better to give up the idea of trying to fit students for college until we have more funds, and devote more time to English studies. We express these thoughts, hoping to call out discussion.

Respectfully,

E. K. Sweetsir,
M. N. McCollister,
A. R. Littlefield,
} *Superintending School Committee.*